Saturday, January 19, 1952.

David Nes came out this morning with Dean's reply to my cable about going home. It was as follows:

"4165, January 18, 6 p.m.
Personal eyes only for the Ambassador from the Secretary:

I have considered carefully the points which you make in your telegram 4243 and have discussed them with others in the Department. We all appreciate the importance of completing European Army and contractual arrangements prior to your return. We are of course still hopeful that this can be done at Lisbon. If not, it may be necessary to adjust slightly the mid-March target for your entry on duty here. Due to political situation it is our considered judgment your name should be submitted to the Hill at the earliest possible moment. I will explain our thoughts on this when I see you.

We are all aware of the complexity of the French political situation and the necessity for delicate handling of our relations with the French Government. We have decided to ask Jimmy Dunn to succeed you in Paris and believe that through his long experience on the European scene he will be well qualified to play an effective role in France within a very short time.

In short, we feel that it is essential to plan now for your return as soon as possible after Lisbon meetings, and we are strongly of the opinion that your name must go up within a few days. I am sure that if I were in France I would have the same doubts as you. However, if you were in Washington I believe you would see clearly the necessity for this step."

I sent him a reply, saying that I was ready to do whatever was most convenient to him and to the Department.

Lots of work to-day, especially on the essays.

Tommy came out this afternoon with some more European Army cables. He is astounding with his devoted

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staff, the output of his office is like that of a factory, and the quality of the product invariably excellent. In the Schuman Plan he has done more than any other man (except its inventor Monnet) to implement it and translate the idea into reality. On the European Army, he has done more than Monnet, yet he is ceaselessly sniped at by many of our fellow U. S. Government employees.

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